misuse or misappropriation or sale of the ammunition in question.

Police Excesses

3240. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in 'the Hindustan Times' dated the 25th October, 1986, under the heading "An episode not from "Police File Se";

(b) if so, whether Government propose to hold judicial inquiry in regard to the police excesses in the Capital; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. However, the concerned Sub-Division Magistrate is normally asked to inquire into such matters. In the case of death in police custody the Magistrate invariably has to conduct an inquest as per provisions of the law.

Threat to Session Judge and High Court Judges hearing Mrs. Gandhi's assassination case

3241. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the judges of the Delhi High Court hearing appeals in Mrs. Gandhi's assassination case and a Session Judge connected therewith have received letters from terrorists which bore Khalistani slogans and threatening to kill these judges; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A case has been registered. Security arrangements for the judges, who received threatening letters, have been strengthened.

Affairs of the Department of Electronics

3242. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in 'The Hindustan Times' of 25th September, 1986 regarding affairs of the Department of Electronics since 1965;

(b) if so, what are the details theerof;

(c) what is Government's reaction in this regard; and

(d) what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) An enquiry is ordered which includes investigation by the CBI. The enquiry is still in progress.

Meeting the threat of Pak acquisition of AWACS

3243. SHRI P. N. SUKUL:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) in what manner the Government propose to meet the threat posed by the proposed acquisition of the AWACS planes and latest generation of tanks and production of bomb by Pakistan;

(b) whether the Soviet Union has also developed planes with the air-borne warning and control system;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to acquire such planes from the Soviet Union; and

(d) by when India is likely to develop planes with a similar warning and control system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) Government are taking appropriate steps to meet the increased threat likely to arise from the proposed acquisition of AWACS and other equipment by Pakistan.

(b) to (d) It would not be in public interest to disclose details in this regard.

जहांगीरपुरी पुलिस स्टेशन द्वारा मारा गया छापा

3244. **श्री लेनार्ड सोलोमन सरिंग :** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सीमेंट की मिलावट के संबंध में प्राप्त हुई शिकायतों/आरोपों के परिणामस्वरुप उत्तरी दिल्ली के जहांगीरपुरी और शालीमार बाग के पुलिस स्टेशनों ने अक्तूबर, 1986 के दौरान छापा मारा था ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि छापे के दौरान अनुपस्थित सीमेंट के वितरक की बजाय वहां पर कार्य कर रहे दैनिक वेतन पाने वाले बेकसूर मजदूरों या ग्राहकों को बिना कोई कारण बताये गिरफ्तार कर लिया गया और पुलिस स्टेशन ले जाया गया ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और इस मामले के संबंध में सरकार क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है ?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत तथा पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम्): (क) जी हां, श्रीमन् ।

(ख) और (ग) पुलिस दल द्वारा 1 अक्तूबर, 1986 को जब गोदाम पर छापा मारा गया तो सीमेंट में चिकनी मिट्टी मिलाई जा रही थी। चिकनी मिट्टी के 222 बोरे और सीमेंट के 21 बोरे जब्त किये गये। इसमें अंतर्ग्रस्त 6 व्यक्तियों को गिरफ्तार किया गया। तद्पश्चात् गोदाम के मालिक को भी गिरफ्तार कर लिया गया ।

Officials' Involvement in Hemlock Deal

3245. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two top officials of the Department of Electronics were behind the move to get Government accept the Rupees 92 crore silicon deal with the Hemlock;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to attach their movable and immovable property before prosecuting them for treason, besides for other charges; and

(c) if so, when and if not, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The whole matter is under examination following an enquiry ordered.

(b) and (c) Do not arise till the enquiry is complete.

Acquisition of Hemlock Silicon Technology

3246. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Department of Electronics has offered the Hemlock silicon technology to the Research and Development Institutions in the country, *viz.* Council for Industrial Research,